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In re Application of)
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For: FACTOR Xa INHIBITORS)
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Washington, D.C. 20231)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2002,
entry of the following Amendments and Remarks is respectfully
requested. A response to the Office Action was originally due
August 9, 2002. Applicants submit herewith a Petition of
Extension of Time to extend the time to reply to the Office
Action for two months, until October 9, 2002. Accordingly, this
Response is being timely filed.

AMENDMENTS

To the Specification

Please amend the abstract to read as follows,

*The invention provides compounds
which specifically inhibit factor Xa activity
having the structure $A_1-A_2-(A_3)_m-B$, where m is*